

# Wisborough Green Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

Friday 13th October 2023



Focus Value for  
this half term:  
Honesty

### A Note from the Headteacher

As our first half-term comes to an end, it seems an appropriate time to share how pleased teachers are with the progress children are already making. Classes are extremely settled and have adjusted to the challenges of their new year group. There will be an opportunity for parents and carers to discuss their child's progress with the class teacher during the first two weeks of the next half term. We encourage all parents to make an appointment. Please see separate letter for details.

Our monitoring and staff training priorities this term are the teaching and learning of maths and English, with a specific focus on spelling in writing and use of mathematical vocabulary. During our INSET Day, Friday 20th October, teachers will be visiting St Mary's Primary School to share good practice and see maths mastery in action across the primary age range. This will enable teachers to further refine their own practice within our mastery journey.

### Poetry Day

Last week was National Poetry Day, where everyone was encouraged to make, experience and share poetry. Oak Class learnt some poems about rockets and space and added actions to perform them. Many children noticed how many of the words rhymed with each other. Maple Class enjoyed joining in with different nursery rhymes, putting each of the actions together and performing them as a class. Hazel Class wrote their own poetry based upon the story of 'Stig of the Dump' and his feelings about finding himself in an unknown world. This complemented their Stone Age project and helped to create a bank of exciting adjectives to use in their writing journeys. Year 6 created a whole class poem based on their current text, Beowulf. The children used their amazing vocabulary to describe the monster Grendel. They even managed to make it rhyme!



### Healthy Snacks

As a Healthy School we have a Healthy Eating Policy and Packed Lunch Guidance, which is available on our website. We have recently noticed a few unhealthy snacks at break time such as crisps or chocolate, possibly coming from lunch boxes. We have reminded the children about the importance of healthy snacks but would appreciate it if you could assist us to maintain our Healthy School status. Fresh fruit or a healthy low-sugar content snack is advised for breaktime. Reception and Key Stage One will continue to be provided with fruit each day at school. Please see our Packed Lunch Guidance for further information on lunchtime requirements.



Our youngest and oldest children have been extremely excited about starting Buddy Reading this year. Each week, buddies get together to share favourite books and read together. Our Year 5 and 6 children are doing a wonderful job of helping younger children to sound out and blend and recognise tricky words. It is great to see such an enjoyment of reading being developed between our children. Well done!



### Choir

A reminder that our school choir club will start next half term and still has a few places left. It is open to children of all ages and will be held after school each Tuesday until 4:15pm. The first meeting will be on **Tuesday 31st October 2023**. Children will be brought to the front entrance of school for collection at the end of the session. If you would like your child(ren) to take part, please contact the school office to book places [office@wisboroughgreenschool.org.uk](mailto:office@wisboroughgreenschool.org.uk). Please note that snacks WILL NOT be required as fruit will be available at the start of the session. Mr Harder and Mrs Schaeffer have already started planning school and locality events for KS2 or all choir members throughout the year so there will be opportunities to see your child(ren) perform. We can't wait to start!

### Forest School

As a new half term approaches, we would like to inform you of our Forest School arrangements for Autumn 2. Reception class will begin their sessions each Monday morning and parents should have received an email about this yesterday.

Years 1, 3 and 4 will NOT attend Forest School next half term but will receive music lessons, and languages in Key stage 2.

Years 2 and 6 will continue with Forest School next half term but please note that Year 2 will move to THURSDAY MORNING. Children may come to school wearing their Forest School clothes with their uniform in a separate bag.

Year 5 will continue with music and languages and will join Forest School in the summer. Any questions, please contact the school office.

### The Weald Sporting Events

Congratulations to the children who represented Years 3 and 4 at The Weald Multiskills event this week. They put all their effort into a range of activities including hurdles, football, throwing, hockey, basketball and obstacle races and their behaviour was excellent. The children said, 'it was great fun' and 'it didn't matter how good you were because it wasn't competitive!' Thank you and well done to everyone who took part.

Throughout the year, children across school may be invited to participate in a range of sporting events at The Weald School. Some events are aimed at a small number of children who have demonstrated a talent for a particular sport, others are open to children who would like to try something new. The office will contact you throughout the year as different sporting events occur. Only parents of the children invited to take part will be contacted each time. Staff will do their best to ensure that everyone who wants to take part has at least one opportunity regardless of ability but please be aware that this cannot be guaranteed in all cases. Some events may only involve three or four children from a class so please do help your child to be resilient if they are disappointed or upset not to be chosen for a particular event. Please note that the squad for the KS2 Cross-Country event on 9th November has not yet been selected.



#### HOUSE POINTS

RED - 151

GREEN - 129

BLUE - 135

YELLOW - 127

For future diary dates, please visit our website's [school calendar](#). Thank you.

#### PTA Events

A reminder that wood or branches for the bonfire may be dropped off at the front of school until 28th October.

The Bonfire Build takes place on 28th October from 9:00am. All welcome!

Congratulations to the winner of this week's PTA Cake Raffle!



#### Dates for Next Week

- Wednesday 18th: Harvest Celebration at St Peter's Church 1:30pm
- Thursday 19th: Last day of half-term
- Friday 20th: INSET Day School closed



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Total Solar Energy Generated  
174,849 kWh